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The unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles experience crime like any other area. Recently, other jurisdictions have invested heavily in high technology surveillance camera systems to combat crime in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Among technological devices which have been discussed recently as possible law enforcement tools against illegal gunshots and graffiti in the unincorporated areas are audio/visual cameras and microphones. It is my understanding that such equipment can be programmed to immediately locate the origin of gunshots, focus on that specific location and begin recording images that can later be used as part of a criminal investigation and prosecution.

In addition to the evidentiary value of such equipment, if it is connected directly to law enforcement agencies it may also serve as a crime deterrent. While we may not have sufficient experience as of today to judge the actual effectiveness of such systems, we ought to work in concert with the Sheriff's Department and the Office of Public Safety to explore the future use of such systems in unincorporated neighborhoods and parks.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer and the Office of Public Safety to work in concert with the Sheriff's Department to assess the feasibility of utilizing high tech audio/visual equipment for the detection and recording of illegal gunshots and graffiti in the unincorporated areas of the County;

I FURTHER MOVE THAT this Board direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back with his findings and recommendations to this Board, including the identification of potential funding sources for a pilot program in unincorporated area(s), within 45 days.

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YBB:GP:nra (Sentry II Gunshot Graffiti Budget Motion 062606)